

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FILING COMPLETION UNDER 37 CFR 52.5, 53, and/or 85

In re Application of:

Blackwell, et al.

Serial No.: 09/888,044

Filed: June 22, 2001

Confirmation No.: 6965

Title: "Reinforced Window Shutter"

Attention: Application Branch

Date: February 11, 2002

Attorney Docket No.: NHS-2

Art Unit: 1772

Our Account No.: 04-1403

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Sir:

The following completes the filing of the above-identified patent application under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85.

- ☒ Rule 53 signed Declaration enclosed.
☒ This is a Rule 47 filing per attached Petition.
☐ Enclosed: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claims) which is a copy of specification/claims originally filed to secure above filing date.
☐ Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
☐ Abstract ☐ pages of Specification (only spec. & claims) ☐ Drawing Figs.
☒ 5 sheet(s) of formal drawings enclosed: size: ☒ A4 ☐ 14" ☐ 8½ by 11
☒ Attached is an assignment to New Horizons Shutters, Inc.
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application(s) no(s) _____, filed in _____ on _____, respectively.
 Certified copy (copies) ☐ attached; ☐ already filed on _____ in U.S. Application, Serial No. _____, filed _____.
☒ "Small Entity" status under Rules 9 & 27 claimed. ☐ Attached: _____ Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity."
☒ Attached is the request return copy of the PTO Notice under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85.
☒ Attached: Petition Under 37 CFR Section 1.47; Affidavit In Support of the Petition Under 37 CFR Section 1.47; Appendix A Copies of Correspondence to Inventor; Information Disclosure Statement and List.
☐ Preliminary Amendment: _____

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Since PTO Notice under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85 set an original due date of October 14, 2001, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$400; 3 months \$920; **4 months \$1440**).

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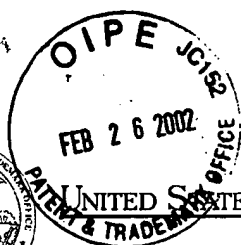
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:

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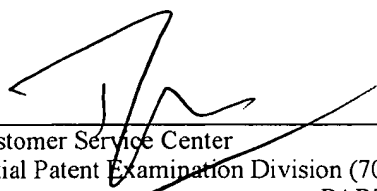
- drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

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Effective **OCTOBER 1, 2001**, Patent Fees will be adjusted. Please note that although the fee amounts required by the enclosed Notice might reflect the fees due on the date of filing, any fee paid on or after **OCTOBER 1, 2001** is subject to the new fee schedule and must be paid in the new amount.

EXAMPLES OF FEES BEING ADJUSTED

See www.uspto.gov for complete FY-2001 Fee Schedule

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DESCRIPTION	FY 2001	FY 2002
Basic filing fee - Utility	\$710	\$740
Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)	\$355	\$370
Independent claims in excess of three	\$80	\$84
Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)	\$40	\$42
Claims in excess of twenty	\$18	---
Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	---
Multiple dependent claim	\$270	\$280
Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)	\$135	\$140
Surcharge - Late filing fee	\$130	---
Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity)	\$65	---
Design filing fee	\$320	\$330
Design filing fee (Small Entity)	\$160	\$165
Plant filing fee	\$490	\$510
Plant filing fee (Small Entity)	\$245	\$255
Reissue filing fee	\$710	\$740
Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	\$355	\$370
Reissue independent claims	\$80	\$84
Reissue independent claims (Small Entity)	\$40	\$42
Reissue claims in excess of twenty	\$18	---
Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	---
Provisional application filing fee	\$150	160
Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity)	\$75	80
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee	\$50	---
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity)	\$25	---
Non-English Specification	\$130	---
Extension - First month	\$110	---
Extension - First month (Small Entity)	\$55	---
Extension - Second month	\$390	\$400
Extension - Second month (Small Entity)	\$195	\$200
Extension - Third month	\$890	\$920
Extension - Third month (Small Entity)	\$445	\$460
Extension - Fourth month	\$1,390	\$1,440
Extension - Fourth month (Small Entity)	\$695	\$720
Extension - Fifth month	\$1,890	\$1,960
Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity)	\$945	\$980
Petition	\$130	---
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